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SPOKANE-PEND OREILLE COUNTY FSA

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Steven King, FLM
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Next COC Meeting

September 14, 2006 @ 9:00
a.m. Regular Business

IMPORTANT DATES

Other Important Dates:

Sept. 30 deadline for NAP for
forage crop and bluegrass
seed.

Sept 30 Sales Closing date for
FCIC Wheat Insurance.

Sept 30 deadline for all DCP
signatures for 2006.

November 20 deadline for
NAP on fruit trees



COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The nominating period for the 2006 County Committee Elections ended August 1, 2006. We received one eligible nominating petition from this area for this years' election. The candidate for LAA 1 election will be as follows:

Louise McLam – grain producer, Mead/Peone prairie area

The election will take place by mail-in ballot during the last part of November and first week of December. A big thank you goes to Lou for agreeing to serve if elected.

ARE YOU REQUIRED TO PURCHASE CROP INSURANCE OR NAP INSURANCE TO MEET YOUR 2004 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

Participants who received 2004 crop disaster payments may have been required to purchase crop insurance or NAP insurance for the next available two years. Most 2004 losses were on sprouted wheat and they had to purchase two years of crop insurance. You are reminded that 2007 crop insurance is more than likely required to be purchased to fulfill your obligation. Failure to purchase crop insurance for the required two years will result in a full refund of all payments issued for the 2004 crop disaster program. If you have questions, please verify your requirements.

The sales closing date for all wheat crop insurance sold through a private crop insurance agent is September 30, 2006.

NONINSURED CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM (NAP) 2007 SALES CLOSING DATES

The September 30, 2006 sales closing date for 2007 NAP coverage is rapidly approaching for forage crops and perennial crops harvested as seed. This includes bluegrass for seed, perennial hay crops and grazing land.

For all orchard crops the deadline is November 20, 2006.

The application fee is \$100 per crop not to exceed \$300 per county. The NAP program works like an insurance policy providing benefits to producers who suffer qualifying losses greater than 50% of the approved actual production history. Losses on the first 50% are not eligible for benefit.

LOAN and LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT PROVISIONS

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP)

Currently, lentils and peas are the only crops with a market rate low enough to qualify for a loan deficiency payment (LDP). To qualify for an LDP there are two pages that must be completed. The first is page 1 of form CCC-633 which was mailed out to all producers. The second page is your actual request (page 2) of form CCC-633 for the LDP. If you have peas or lentils and they are harvested you can file page 2 anytime after harvest requesting the LDP. If you have sold the peas or lentils and turned in page 1 previously, you will need to request the LDP based on the date of sale. You will need to complete page 2 and submit a copy of your settlement statement from the processor. If you requested a field direct LDP then you will need to turn in your load summary sheet(s) from the warehouse so that we can pay you based on the date of delivery.

COMMODITY MARKETING LOANS

FSA commodity loan provisions have been revised to make loan applications simpler and faster for loans that are less than \$25,000. In the past a lien search had to be completed and a lien filed on all commodities that a commodity loan was issued. Now, if the loan value is less than \$25,000 and CCC feels they are not at risk CCC does not have to do a lien search or file a lien. For all other loans the lien search and lien must be filed prior to approval of the requested loan.

Commodity loans are eligible on farm stored grain or warehouse stored grain. The cost of a loan is \$45 for the first bin or receipt and \$3 for each additional bin or receipt. Farm stored loans can be either producer certified or measured by the county office staff. Loans are available for the following commodities: Wheat, barley, oats, corn, mustard, canola, lentils, peas, honey, mohair and wool.

The deadline for 2006 wool and mohair loans or LDP's is January 31, 2007. The deadline for 2006 wheat, barley, and oats is March 31, 2007. Peas, lentils, corn and oil seed loan deadline is May 31, 2007.

Please contact the county office prior to coming in to complete a loan to make sure that all the required paperwork is completed.

The interest rate for September loans is 6.125%.

LATE FILING FOR THE 2006 DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PROGRAM (DCP)

Those contracts that did not get signatures returned by the 6/1/06 deadline are still eligible for participation, but you are now required to pay a late-filing fee in the amount of \$100 per contract. The final deadline for submitting late filed signatures is September 30, 2006.

STATUS OF FSA CHECKING YOUR CRP REX CONTRACT

The agency has completed an aerial flight by helicopter and now is in the process of doing ground visits to those fields that were identified as having a concern. The staff is concentrating on the contracts that expire in 2007, because their deadline to be completed is September 30, 2006. The staff then will concentrate on the 2008, 2009 and 2010 contracts that have a December completion deadline.

One item of concern has been the amount of Dalmatian toadflax that has been found on some contracts. Dalmatian toadflax is a noxious weed and is a very aggressive weed if not taken care of and will take over your stand in a short number of years. Stands that have grown to be mostly Dalmatian toadflax are no longer in compliance with the stand density requirement and those contracts are out of compliance.

Producers receive \$5 per acre each year added to the soil rental rate for CRP maintenance each year. With this said, the agency expects that maintenance of the previously approved grass/legume cover is taking place. Those maintenance items can be in the form of mowing/shredding and or chemical control. For those not taking any maintenance actions your stands show the lack of maintenance. Failure to remain in compliance can result in contract termination and a request for repayment of all contract payments made to date. If you have questions concerning maintenance of weeds please contact your local chemical company or someone who does mowing and or shredding.